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5 February 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR : Mr. James Q. Reber
SUBJECT : Middle East Coverage
REFERENCE : Requirements for the Middle East

1. After receipt of your memorandum on the above subject, our overflight program currently being directed against the Middle East countries was discussed with the DDCI. As a result of such meeting, I have instructed my Chief of Operations to follow, as a guide, the following overflight plan:

a. No further missions into Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, unless directed by the DDCI.

c. Conduct on a one-time basis any mission within the Middle East area which may be requested by the DDCI or the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee which arises from latest intelligence requirements.

2. As soon as weather permits we will cover the targets requested in para. 3 of your memo. After this one-time coverage we will adhere to the plan outlined in para. 1 above.

3. The decrease in sortie rate and area coverage is instigated to save equipment for anticipated overflights of the USSR and to reduce the probability of a vehicle loss while on a Middle East mission or a diplomatic protest coming from that area.

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Deputy Project Director

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